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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Whole turkey demand was moderate. Offerings were tight to adequate. A fair volume of BNT hens and toms moved in the Midwest for current shipments. August-July trading noted on BNT hens and toms with price ceilings on hens at 66 for July and 67 for August, tom 67 and 68 respectively. Some inquiries for Grade A breast were at lower levels as buyers sought product to run retail features.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export interest was less aggressive as buyers evaluated the current situation. Demand for thigh meat was about fair with trading in a wider range of prices compared to early week.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 09, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-59	56.50	56.50	400	-	-	-	400	JUL-AUG
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-59	57.50	57.50	160	-	-	-	80	JUL-AUG
WESTERN REGION	56-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 09 FEBRUARY 1999.

White meat undertone steady to firm with fresh tom breast meat strongest and wing meat steadiest. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on thigh meat. Frozen thigh meat export demand at least fair. Offerings of frozen thigh meat adequate to instances burdensome with some sellers' inventories in a more balanced situation and held with confidence while others still need to move inventories. Export trading light on hen drums 18 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	93.00		93.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	87.31	520
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.00-21.00		20.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00-28.00		26.33	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.00		37.00	15
NECKS, TOM	19.00-23.00		21.46	96
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	173.00-183.00		178.26	38
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	190.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	43.18	68
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	118.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	57.89	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	14.75	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.18	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.97	692
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00		42.00	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-81
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	63-64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-75

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-115
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-115

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 10 FEBRUARY 1999.

Grade A 4-8 lb. breast seller sentiment steady, buyer sentiment steady to barely steady with some bidding lower so as to run profitable retail features. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on bulk parts with cautiousness noted, destrapped tenderloins steady to firm. Demand at least fair on 4-8 lb. breasts and bulk parts with less aggressive export buyer interest noted on bulk parts. Some aged frozen destrapped tenderloins noted at 148, line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack toms 56, tom drums 17 shipping point or 23 cents delivered current.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00		88.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00-23.00		21.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	20.00	10
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.33	27
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	37.00	15
NECKS, TOM		T	21.46	96
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	185.00		185.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	190.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	43.18	68
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	124.00		124.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	155.00-157.00		156.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	60.00		60.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-16.00		15.33	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	17.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.18	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.97	692
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	39.50-43.50		41.82	784

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